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1952–53, it was reported to the Government that the balance-sheet of the company was not yet ready. The Union has, therefore, been advised by the Government to wait till the balance-sheet is made available.''

Payment of honorarium to the ex-President of Purameri Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, North Malabar.

* 112 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received through the Collector of Malabar a memorandum, dated 30th September 1953 from the present President of Purameri Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, North Malabar, complaining against the illegal payment of Rs. 2,607–7–0 by way of honorarium to an ex-President; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. But a representation was received from the hon. Member who has put this question. It was examined in consultation with the Collector and a detailed reply was sent to the hon. Member.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' Sir, the reply sent shows that the Government could not take any concrete action because the files connected with this affair were missing in the Collector's office. May I request the Hon. Minister to conduct a thorough enquiry into the whole affair? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' The person responsible for the loss of the file was removed from service.''

Schemes for providing employment.

* 113 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have forwarded any proposals to the Planning Commission in accordance with the Commission's letter No. PC (VI)L(E)/1-5-54, dated 23rd March 1954, regarding power facilities for increasing employment opportunities;

(*b*) if so, the number of proposals and their estimated cost; and

(*c*) the extent of financial assistance expected from or promised by the Central Government?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

'' (*b*) Eight schemes costing about Rs. 447·22 lakhs.

'' (*c*) No promise has been made by the Central Government but the Madras Government hope that loans to cover the full cost will be forthcoming.''